

## **CITY OF VALLEJO**

## OSBY DAVIS MAYOR

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December 6, 2011

Mr. Michael Machado Delta Protection Commission P. O. Box 530 Walnut Grove, CA 95690

Dear Mr. Machado:

The Vallejo City Council at its meeting of August 17, 2010 voted unanimously to support the efforts of Carquinez Strait Preservation Trust to include within the geographic boundaries of the Delta National Heritage Area (NHA) the Carquinez Strait area as described in the Carquinez Strait Resource Plan (1998).

We believe that inclusion of Vallejo's urban waterfront in the NHA boundaries would be beneficial to the City of Vallejo's community and economic development efforts. Vallejo's natural, scenic, historic, cultural, and recreational resources as well as architectural buildings, distinctive landscapes, and ferry service offers abundant resources to the overall NHA.

The NHA and Vallejo each share a rich history and are dotted with historic communities made up of historic homes, commercial structures and colorful characters significant in our State's history. Today the Delta and Strait are linked through a network of national, state, and regional trails. The geographic proximity, climate, history, and ecology, of two regions are complimentary and together tell a unique story of what we call "the inland cost".

We request you include the Carquinez Strait within the National Heritage Area boundaries at the December 8, 2011 meeting.

Sincerely,

Osby Dayis, Mayor